

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) staff strives to ensure CalFresh benefits are accessible to all eligible county residents and utilized to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh helps provide food security for more than 23,000 county residents including more than 6,600 children and 3,800 elderly community members; and

WHEREAS, DHHS and community partners work hard to make sure our most vulnerable populations have food on their tables and to get benefits out to eligible community members who have experienced economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh has had special state programs to further help benefit recipients during the pandemic, including monthly emergency allotments that have allowed all households to receive maximum benefits; and

WHEREAS, our local Humboldt County economy has benefited from the more than \$36,750,000 in federal CalFresh funds that were spent on food by county residents in 2021; and

WHEREAS, DHHS's Social Services branch staff has relationships with community-based organizations and medical providers who help refer people to the CalFresh program and create an important link to these benefits for people experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh funding pays for the benefit assistance program and nutrition education through Public Health, funding local outreach programs, helping children access free and reduced cost school meals, supporting local farms through the Market Match farmers' market program and supporting job placement through CalFresh Employment & Training's support to the Helping Humboldt employment empowerment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2022 as CalFresh Awareness Month by honoring the work the CalFresh program accomplishes through community agencies and Social Services staff to alleviate food insecurity among Humboldt County residents including individuals, families with children, and elderly and people with disabilities.

Date: May 3, 2022



Virginia Bass
Virginia Bass, Chair